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SUBJ: MAP AND RICE PROJECTIONS

1. THIS MESSAGE IS DESIGNED TO CONVEY PROJECTIONS AS OF COB
APRIL 8.

2. IN GENERAL, THE CUTOFF DATE FOR BOTH AIR DROP AND AIR
LAND SORTIES WILL BE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 17.

3. KAF HAS AIR DROP EQUIPMENT FOR ABOUT 7 DAYS OF AIR DROPS
OF RICE AND AMMUNITION BY C-123'S. THIS MIGHT BE PROLONGED
A DAY OR TWO BY LAST MINUTE ADDITION BY MAP OF SOME SMALL,
INEXPENSIVE ITEMS.

4. BIRD C-130 AIRDROPS. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 40 MORE
SORTIES TO COME OF AMMUNITION AND 18 SORTIES OF RICE.
THERE ARE 900 SHORT TONS OF RICE NOT YET CLEARED BY THE
THAI AUTHORITIES FOR USE IN THIS AIRLIFT. IF THIS
LATTER RICE WERE TO BE CLEARED QUICKLY WITH THE THAIS

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AN ADDITIONAL 62 RICE SORTIES WOULD BE POSSIBLE, FOR

A TOTAL OF 40 AMMUNITION AND 80 RICE, OR 120 SORTIES.
THERE IS SUFFICIENT AIR DROP EQUIPMENT NOW AVAILABLE
FOR FOR 103 OF THESE SORTIES AND MAP REPROGRAMMING SHOULD
PERMIT FUNDING OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL "7(:9&54 ..

5. C-130 AIR LAND. AT 5 SORTIES A DAY TALLING 100 TO
110 TONS, THERE IS FUNDING FOR 9 MORE DAYS OF AMMUNITION
BY AIR LAND. REPROGRAMMING COULD FREE FUNDS FOR AN
ADDITIONAL TEN DAYS OF AMMUNITION BY AIR LAND AT THIS
SAME RATE. THIS OF COURSE DOES NOT EQUAL FANK'S DAILY
EXPENDITURE OF 400-450 SHORT TONS. ON POL, THERE IS
FUNDING THROUGH APRIL 17 AT THE RATE OF 9 TO 11 MAP-
FUNDED SORTIES A DAY. AN ADDITIONAL 6 SORTIES A DAY
ARE AID-FUNDED. ON GENERAL CARGO, THERE IS ENOUGH
OF THAT BACKED UP TO CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH APRIL 17,
AT 2 TO 3 SORTIES PER DAY.

6. IT IS DIFFICULT TO GIVE A BRIEF SUMMARY DESCRIPTION
OF AMMUNITION STOCKS ON HAND, SINCE SOME 15 LINE ITEMS
ARE INVOLVED, ALL OF WHICH NOW STAND AT DIFFERENT
LEVELS. CALL-FORWARD PLANNING FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN
NOW AND APRIL 17 WILL BE DESIGNED TO EQUALIZE OUT
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE EXISTING BALANCES AS OF THAT
DATE, WHILE ALSO TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FANK'S NEEDS.
TOTAL TONNAGE ON HAND AT KANTAU OF GROUND AND AIR
MUNITIONS IS 5900 SHORT TONS, OF WHICH 5000 ARE
GROUND AND 900 ARE AIR MUNITIONS

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UVM ONMYE AID-FINANCED RICE AIRLIFT BY DC-8, CURRENT
CONSTRAINTS HAVE RESULTED LESS FROM FUNDING
PROBLEMS THAN FROM AN INABILITY TO MAINTAIN DAILY
SORTIES RATES WITH CURRENT EQUIPMENT AND CONDITIONS.
APRIL 8 BROUGHT ONLY 8 SORTIES BECAUSE OF THE CLOSURE
OF TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT. IN GENERAL, THERE ARE 8 TO
10 DAYS OF RICE SUPPLY ON HAND IN COUNTRY, AND BARRING
AIRPORT SHUTDOWNS OR MAJOR MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES,
RICE DELIVERIES THROUGH APRIL 17 SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT
TO MAINTAIN IF NOT SLIGHTLY IMPROVE RICE STOCKS ON HAND.

8. FINALLY IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WITH OURSKELETON
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FORCE IN THE MISSION IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY
DIFFICULT FOR US TO MONITOR STOCKS AND DISTRIBUTION
IN COUNTRY ON BOTH THE MEDTC AND AID SIDES.
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